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TO: Honorable Sharpe James, Mayor

FROM: Catherine Cuomo-Cecere, Director
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DATE: August 14, 2001

SUBJECT: 555 ELIZABETH AVENUE


Listed below is an overview of the findings from the inspection conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services at 555 Elizabeth Avenue on Monday, August 13, 2001. This structure is a 24-story apartment building consisting of 248 units and 1 day care center.

Attached is a comprehensive report of violations and/or major concerns of the Department of Health & Human Services. Please note that these concerns fall within the guidelines of City ordinance and New Jersey State Statutes.

- **Open sewage pipe in the basement**
- **No hot water throughout the building**
- **Evidence of rodents and insects throughout the entire building**
- **Accumulation of garbage in the garbage rooms on every floor**
- **Garbage chute is filled, possible fire hazard**
- **Garbage and debris within several vacant apartments**
- **Garbage and debris in stairwell**
- **Walls and ceilings in hallways in disrepair**
- **Elevators inoperable at time of inspection**

Should you require any further information, please advise.

Thank you.


Catherine Cuomo-Cecere, Director

cc: Harold Lucas, Business Administrator
Cheryl Johnson, Chief of Staff

Comprehensive Report Regarding 555 Elizabeth Ave.

- 68 Verified tenants rental history attached
- Department Health and Human Services gained entry into 44 apartments, thus verifying 58 adults and 41 children
- 24 apartments no entry

The following is an overview of a floor by floor investigation:

BASEMENT

- open sewage pipe
- evidence eof rodents and insects

1st FLOOR

- Offices and Day Care Center

2nd FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry; A,B,C,D,H,J,
- 2K had two children (ages 10 &12) There were no adults at the time of the inspection.

3rd FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry; ABCDFH
- Apartment 3E is occupied by Simon Backay
- Apartment 3G is occupied by Tangey Thompson
- Apartment 3J is occupied by Patrick Gayle
- - Apartment 3K is occupied by Thomas Morris

4th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry B,C,D,E,F,G,
- Charles Hall and 7 year old child occupies apartment 4A.
- Grace Rogers occupies apartment 4H. Partially disabled and living with 31 year old son. (Light switch in kitchen sparks when turned on.)

5th FLOOR

- Apartments A,C,D,F,J were no entry
- Marjory Brown occupies apartment 5B. She has 3 children
- Hattie Allen occupies apartment 5E.
- Paulen and Remington Stevens occupies apartment 5G.
- Sam Robinson occupies apartment 5H
- Robert Person occupies apartment 5I.
- Betty Middleton occupies apartment 5K.

6th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry A,D,J,K,

- Kasi Gibson & Teresa Boachie occupy apartment 6B.
- Willa & Donald Chaves occupy apartment 6F.
- Mary and Wilber Thompson occupy apartment 6G.
- Ellaine & Robert Brandon occupy apartment 6H.

7th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry A,C,G,H,F,I.
- Latchia Jones and three children occupy apartment 7B.

8th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry C,D,F,H,I,J,K.
- Cynthia Alexander and I child occupies apartment 8A.
- Pat Mincey occupies apartment 8D.
- Trevorlyn Hendricks occupies apartment 8G.

9th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry; A,C,D,E,G,H,I,K.
- Alice & Curtis Burnette and 4 children occupy apartment 9B.
- Louise & James Wall and 5 children occupy apartment 9J.

10th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry; A,B,C,D,E,F,I,J,K
- Nelson REYES OCCUPIES APARTMENT 10G.
- Kecia Henderson and & occupants (no names) occupy apartment 10H.

11th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry; A,B,C,E,F,H,I,J,K.
- Shirely Magee occupies apartment 11D.
- Charlote Mensah and four children (1 unnamed occupant) occupies apartment 11G.

12th FLOOR

- The following apartments were no entry A,B,D,E,I,K.
- Michael Poku occupies apartment 12C.
- Sherrie Robinson occupies apartment 12F.
- Ingrid Stevens and 4 children occupy apartment 12G.
- William Walker occupies apartment 12H
- Janet Martin occupies apartment 12 J.

14th FLOOR

- The following apartments were vacant; A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I.
- Mary Martin occupies apartment 14 J.

15th FLOOR

- Tamilya Williams and 2 children occupy apartment 15B.
- Kathy Butler and 3 children occupy apartment 15J.
- Thomas Johnson occupies apartment 15K.

16th FLOOR

- The entrance to the floor is secured with a chained lock, therefore no tenants reside on this floor.

17th FLOOR

- Kathie Mayo occupies apartment 17B.
- Rosa Rosario , Persila Martel and 3 children occupy apartment 17G.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jones and 1 child occupy apartment 17K.

18th FLOOR

- The entrance to the floor is secured with a chained lock, therefore no tenants reside on this floor.

19th FLOOR

- The following apartments are vacant A,D,H,K,I,G,F.
- The following apartments were no entry B,C,J.
- Apartment 19 E No response police unit broke down the door. Apartment found to be unsanitary.

20th FLOOR

- The following apartments were found to be vacant; A,B,C,E,F,H,I,J,K.
- The following apartments were no entry D & G.

21st FLOOR

- The entrance to the floor is secured with a chained lock, therefore no tenants reside on this floor.

22nd FLOOR

- The following apartments were vacant A,B,C,D,E,F,H,I,J,K.
- Daisy Revera occupies apartment 22G. The apartment was found to be unsanitary.

23rd FLOOR

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